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1. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS TELEGRAM WAS OBTAINED
FROM A SOURCE IN CECOAP, THE CENTRAL COORDINATING OFFICE
OF THE PERUVIAN SUGAR COOPERATIVES.

2. THE SUBJECT OF PRICE MAINTENANCE WILL CERTAINLY COME
UP AT THE MEETING. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE
SUGAR INDUSTRY IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, ANY PRICE MAINTENANCE
MEASURES WOULD BE DOOMED TO FAILURE. (HE NOTED THAT A PRICE
OF \$18-19 PER QUINTAL WOULD BE EQUITABLE.)

3. OTHER TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE TECHNICAL INTER-
CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON POSITION AT INTERNATIONAL
MEETINGS SUCH AS THOSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZA-
TION. IN ADDITION, THE FILIPINO APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
WILL BE CONSIDERED. IF THE APPLICATION OF THE PHILIPPINES
IS ACCEPTED, THE GROUP WILL CHANGE ITS NAME FROM "LATIN
AMERICAN SUGAR PRODUCERS" TO SOMETHING LIKE "SUGAR EXPORT-
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ING COUNTRIES".

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE CECO AAP OFFICIALS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SUGAR PRODUCTION AND SALES REJECT PROPOSALS FOR PRICE MAINTENANCE, THIS DOES NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY PROPOSE OR SUPPORT SUCH MEASURES AT THE MEETING. ONE TENET OF PERUVIAN FOREIGN POLICY HAS BEEN THAT RAW MATERIAL EXPORTERS MUST FORM BLOCS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS. FORMATION OF A "SUGAR BLOC" WOULD BE A LOGICAL PERUVIAN EXPECTATION.
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